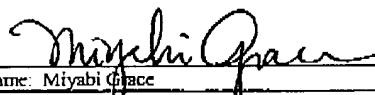


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Sir/Madam:

This letter is in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003. Enclosed with the present response is a petition for a three-month extension of time. Kindly enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the claims are reflected on the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.